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Once Upon a Time

Mrs. Wallace's Writes About the Library, Creativity and ART!

Arts & Crafts Ideas for Creative Kids

With three weeks of winter break right around the corner, you might be wondering what to do with your kids to keep them busy and happy over break. I can tell you, from doing creative things with them the past two weeks, that kids love making art and being creative. On the Short & Sweet page, I've gathered some of my favorite websites/blogs with lots of ideas. Have a great winter break!

I've included a snowman template for your kids to decorate and design. Have them collect papers from around the house to use for collage (think junk mail envelopes, magazines, etc.) or go simple with markers and crayons! Enjoy the newsletter!

Be inspired,
Mrs. Clara Wallace



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No more book check-outs until we return in 2023. We are collecting all library books before winter break.

Holiday Market Library Fundraiser

Students are invited to shop at our Holiday Market Craft Fair, being held in the library the week before we go on break. Thank you to the families who generously donated materials, time and crafts for this event.

During the Holiday Market, the library will be transformed into a fun craft fair with a variety of little trinkets students can buy for family members. The market is Cash Only - items will be available for students to purchase ranging from \$0.25 to \$5. More Details will follow in the Weekend Monarch Dec. 10th.



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

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the short & sweet page

Keeping it short and sweet just for you!



THANK YOU CRAFTY PEOPLE

To all the wonderful people who signed up to help make crafts and help at the Holiday Market, THANK YOU! We sincerely appreciate your time, generosity and support to help our library!



PROCESS ART & CREATIVE IDEAS FOR YOUR KIDS

Meri Cherry's blog is a great resource because it's full of creative ideas on how to bring art into your kids' lives. Here's a great article called "[Let Them Paint - Here's Why](#)" and ideas for "[Process Art for 4-7 Year Olds](#)". I have found lots of inspiration on this blog.



CARDBOARD TOWN

Do you have lots of cardboard around the house? Put it to good use with this fun open-ended art - [creating a cardboard box town](#). You can go simple with just crayons and markers, or bring out your stash of random craft supplies and glue to create an imaginative town that will keep your kids busy for hours.

[Library book policies - click here](#)



LEGO GALLERY COMING SOON

Students always look forward to our Annual Lego Gallery. The three themes/categories and exact dates will be shared in the January Weekend Monarch. It's a perfect opportunity for your creative Lego builder to make something to show off their Lego building skills.



LEGO CHALLENGE

Legos and other building toys are great for the imagination and for fine motor skills. This blog has some printable [Lego Challenge Cards](#) as well as lots of other creative ideas. Check out Frugal Fun for Boys and Girls for more art, history, math and STEM ideas.



ART - PLAY DOUGH, COLLAGE AND WATERCOLOR IDEAS

One last recommendation is The Artful Parent. This site has creative ideas for all ages. Find art for [Big Kids](#), [Play Dough and Clay ideas](#), one of my favorites - [collage art](#), and [watercolor paint ideas](#). I hope you and your kids have fun making some art this winter break!

Make this snowman come alive!

